



BEARFACTS 1989 – 1999

Merrick , Nebraska [31121]

Merrick is one of 93 counties in Nebraska. It is part of the Grand Island, NE Micropolitan SA. Its 1999 population of 8,290 ranked 39th in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 1999 Merrick had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$21,476. This PCPI ranked 57th in the state and was 81 percent of the state average, \$26,465, and 77 percent of the national average, \$27,939. The 1999 PCPI reflected an increase of 2.3 percent from 1998. The 1998-1999 state change was 3.6 percent and the national change was 3.9 percent. In 1989 the PCPI of Merrick was \$15,762 and ranked 36th in the state. The 1989-1999 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 3.1 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.6 percent and for the nation was 4.2 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 1999 Merrick had a total personal income (TPI) of \$178,040^{*}. This TPI ranked 40th in the state and accounted for 0.4 percent of the state total. In 1989 the TPI of Merrick was \$128,318^{*} and ranked 38th in the state. The 1999 TPI reflected an increase of 2.4 percent from 1998. The 1998-1999 state change was 4.2 percent and the national change was 5.1 percent. The 1989-1999 average annual growth rate of TPI was 3.3 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.5 percent and for the nation was 5.5 percent.

COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Merrick. In 1999 net earnings accounted for 61.0 percent of TPI (compared with 64.0 in 1989); dividends, interest, and rent were 21.6 percent (compared with 23.1 in 1989); and personal current transfer receipts were 17.4 percent (compared with 12.8 in 1989). From 1998 to 1999 net earnings decreased 0.1 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 3.6 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 10.5 percent. From 1989 to 1999 net earnings increased on average 2.8 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 2.6 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 6.5 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Merrick decreased from \$87,611^{*} in 1998 to \$85,520^{*} in 1999, a decrease of 2.4 percent. The 1998-1999 state change was 5.1 percent and the national change was 6.8 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1989 estimate of \$76,035^{*} to the 1999 estimate was 1.2 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.5 percent and for the nation was 5.6 percent.

**Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.*

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